

# UTAH COMMISSION ON VOLUNTEERS

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Lieutenant Governor Gary R. Herbert

## HISTORY



The Utah Commission on Volunteers was established in February of 1994.

Its mission is to improve communities through service and volunteering.

The Commission has three basic responsibilities: to administer programs of the Corporation for National and Community Service, provide technical support to Utah's volunteer centers, and promote service and volunteering.

## AMERICORPS



This year AmeriCorps, the Domestic Peace Corps, will engage more than 70,000 Americans nationwide in intensive, results-driven service in the areas of education, public safety, health and environment. The majority of AmeriCorps members are selected by and serve with local nonprofit and

service organizations. Along with the experience of a lifetime, AmeriCorps members receive a modest living allowance, health insurance and training. After their term of service, AmeriCorps members receive education awards to help finance college or pay back student loans. To date, more than 5,400 Utah residents have qualified for education awards totaling more than \$13 million.



## CITIZEN CORPS



The Utah Citizen Corps Mission is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared for emergencies and disasters of all kinds. The State Citizen Corps Council serves as a resource link between the national Citizen Corps initiative and local and regional councils throughout Utah. The state council encourages local and regional

councils to bring together local leaders, citizen volunteers, faith-based communities, business and civic organizations, and the network of first responder organizations, such as fire departments, police departments and emergency medical personnel to help build prepared and resilient communities.

## BE READY UTAH VISTA



The mission of the AmeriCorps Be Ready Utah VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) Project is to support the formation of Citizen Corps Councils, and participate with Emergency Management, Health Departments, first responder organizations, schools, and other community stakeholders and volunteer organizations that are involved in and/or concerned about Community Disaster Preparedness. While doing so they also establish local organizations and programs to recruit, train and motivate volunteers.

## SEASONS OF SERVICE



No matter the season of the year or season of life, everyone benefits from service. Utahns of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities are volunteering to improve their communities at a rate that ranks #1 in the nation. Using the Seasons of Service campaign, the Commission seeks to increase volunteerism by 2% a year and will measure progress with the President's Volunteer Service Awards. Youth who serve become lifelong volunteers and philanthropists, older volunteers lead healthier lives, so get involved now - VOLUNTEER!

[www.volunteers.utah.gov](http://www.volunteers.utah.gov)

## VOLUNTEER CENTERS



Utah's volunteer centers are part of the Points of Light Institute and HandsOn Network, a nonprofit organization committed to helping individuals, families, and groups become effectively engaged in service to their communities. Call 2-1-1 to find out how you can become involved in your community or visit

[www.volunteers.utah.gov](http://www.volunteers.utah.gov) to find your nearest volunteer center.

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